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**VALLEY MAN SENTENCED IN FEDERAL COURT
TO 43 MONTHS IN PRISON ON GUN CHARGE**

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced that on October 12, 2007, Justin Stratton, a resident of Palmer, Alaska, was sentenced in federal court in Anchorage to 43 months in prison for his conviction of being a felon in possession of firearms and ammunition.

United States District Court Judge Timothy M. Burgess imposed the sentence on Stratton, age 23, of 13735 East Ocean View Road in Palmer.

According to information presented to the court by Special Assistant United States Attorney Christine M. Thoreson, Stratton, a convicted felon, had his girlfriend purchase firearms for his use, knowing he was not allowed to possess firearms or ammunition.

Prior to imposing sentence, Judge Burgess stated that his main concern was making sure the sentence reflected the seriousness of the offense. Judge Burgess also expressed concern that there are some fundamental rules that Stratton clearly has a hard time complying with.

Mr. Cohen commended the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for the investigation leading to the successful prosecution of Stratton.

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